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SUBJECT: UN/ECE MEETING ON COAL STATISTICS (19-21 JUNE)
AND COAL TRADE (22-23 JUNE)

1. DELEGATES REVIEWED THE STATISTIC PRESENTED IN THE QUARTERLY AND ANNUAL BULLETIN ON COAL STATISTICS IN ECE REGION.
2. DEL. OF USSR SUGGESTED DISCONTINUING QUARTERLY BULLETIN SINCE MONTHLY DATA IS NOT IMPORTANT. DISCUSSION OF UTILITY OF QUARTERLY COAL STATISTICS BULLETIN INDICATED THAT THE TIME LAG BETWEEN DATA COLLECTION AND PUBLICATION MUST BE REDUCED. U.S. DEL. SUGGESTED COMPUTERIZATION OF ENTIRE PROCEDURE. THIS WILL BE INVESTIGATED WITH THE FIRST STEP, THE REDESIGN OF THE COAL STATISTICS FORM FOR COMPUTERIZATION TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NEXT MEETING. U.S. DEL. ALSO REQUESTED THAT THE ANNUAL COAL STATISTICS BULLETIN INCLUDE DATA FOR NON-ECE COUNTRIES, AVAILABLE FROM UN SOURCES.
3. ENDORSED THE DEFINITION OF 1 KCAL 4.1886 KJ FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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COAL CONVERSATION DATA.

4. DISCUSSION ON INTERNATIONAL COMPARABILITY OF CAPITAL INVESTMENTS IN COAL MINING. USSR DEL INDICATED THAT U.S. DOLLAR FLUCTUATED WIDELY OVER PAST DECADE AND THAT RUBLE WAS STABLE FOR INTERNATIONAL COMPARISON. U.S.

DEL INDICATED THAT U.S. DOLLARS WAS MOST WIDELY ACCEPTED INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY BASE AND RECOMMENDED CONTINUATION OF U.S. DOLLAR IN REPORTS.

5. DEFINITION OF PRODUCTIVITY WAS ADOPTED AS NET OUTPUT/ NUMBERS OF MAN HOURS WORKED BY ALL PRODUCTIVE LABOR EXPRESSED AS KILOGRAMS PER MAN-HOUR.

6. U.S. DEL SUGGESTED ELIMINATION OF MAN IN DEFINITION HOWEVER, U.K. AND MOST EUROPEAN MINES PROHIBIT WOMEN AS COAL MINE WORKERS.

7. REVIEW OF COAL PROSPECTS IN WESTERN EUROPE FOR 1978 INDICATES CONTINUED STAGNATION WITH EXCESSIVE STOCKS, PARTICULARLY OF METALLURGICAL COAL.

8. EASTERN EUROPE INDICATED PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF COAL WILL BE IN EQUILIBRIUM HOWEVER NOTED BROWNOUTS DURING PAST WINTER DUE TO "SUPPLY DISLOCATIONS." COAL EXPORTS FROM POLAND FOR HARD CURRENCY WERE AT THE EXPENSE OF DOMESTIC DEMAND. THIS COULD CONTINUE.

9. INTENSIVE DISCUSSION OF LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR STEAM COAL TRADE AND PLAN TO INITIATE STUDY ON WORLD STEAM COAL TRADE FOR PERIOD 1985-2000. TWO INDEPENDENT STUDIES PRESENTED INDICATED THAT WORLD STEAM COAL TRADE WILL EXCEED WORLD OIL TRADE BY 2000.

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10. U.S. DEL INDICATED U.S. COAL FORECAST FROM ADMINISTRATORS REPORT AS ONE BILLION TONS IN 1985 A 1.25 IN 1990. USSR DEL INDICATED THAT PRODUCTION WOULD BE ONE BILLION METRIC TONS IN 1980. AFTER DISCUSSION USSR DEL INDICATED THAT 1990 WOULD BE PROBABLE DATE FOR ONE-BILLION TON OUTPUT OF RAW COAL OUTPUT WITH UP TO 40 PERCENT LOST IN CLEANING.

11. EAST EUROPE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN U.S. DEVELOPMENT OF LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORT OF COAL BY SLURRY PIPELINES AND IS STUDYING A ROUTE FROM POLAND TO AUSTRIA.SORENSEN

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